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A Message from the President

— SIR COMPTON MACKENZIE

CROQUET is considered by the ignorant to be a spiteful game generally played by middle-aged people in a state of mutual exasperation, and unfortunately ignorance of croquet is widespread. Why this stupid opinion should still prevail is difficult to understand. It apparently dates back nearly a century to the days when a player put his foot on his own ball and drove his opponent into the nearest shrubbery. Incredible though it will seem to a reader of this paper I often have to correct a vulgar belief that this ancient and long extinct stroke persists.

Nobody accuses billiards or snooker of being spiteful games, but the tactics of both are the same as the tactics of croquet. And to billiards in the open air croquet adds some of the quality of chess. What can be done to bring back croquet into the popular favour it once enjoyed? It is an ironical reflection that in 1875 the new game lawn-tennis thanks to strong propaganda, was included in the programme of the All England Croquet Club at Wimbledon which two years later became the All England Croquet and Lawn-Tennis Club. From that moment lawn-tennis was gaining popularity all the time and at last like a cuckoo in the nest managed to eject croquet from Wimbledon.

Yet when I went up to Oxford in 1901 lawn-tennis was known as pat-ball and the suggestion of giving a half-blue to the representatives in the University match with Cambridge was greeted with ridicule. A half-blue for pat-ball! To what next would a half-blue be awarded?

Today nobody ever talks of lawn-tennis: it is tennis, and if one alludes to real tennis one has to explain that one is alluding to a different game from the lawn-tennis which has arrogated to itself the name of the royal game.

Television has helped to make lawn-tennis more and more popular. The Wimbledon championship matches attract ten times as many viewers as cricket. Croquet, alas, is not considered good viewing, but I believe that if the croquet championships at Hurlingham could be shown on the screen with a really good commentator, croquet

could be made at least as attractive as cricket, though I have to admit that the more rapid action of lawn-tennis will always offer a better spectacle for viewers.

Perhaps one advantage that lawn-tennis enjoys over croquet is the smaller size of the court. A full-sized croquet lawn is a problem for too many gardens. Weather, too, plays its part. Nobody as far as I know has yet devised a covered croquet court. Yet what a splendid game it would be for winter evenings. Is a covered croquet court feasible? I suppose the expense would be too great, even if a suitable mixture could be devised to take the place of a lawn.

In my youth people in England made as many silly jokes about golf as they make about croquet today. Golf was regarded as a Scottish game which attracted a few eccentric Englishmen who were compelled to wear red coats as a warning to spectators for the same reason as a red flag was carried in front of a steam-roller. Yet golf is now predominant and has probably hastened the end of many more elderly gentlemen than smoking. How much longer elderly gentlemen might live if they took to croquet in their late fifties instead of straining their hearts by still endeavouring to excel at golf? Is there not some significance in the fact that since lawn-tennis and golf so completely captivated the young English cricket has steadily declined. If they played croquet as an alternative pastime cricketers might once again become what they were in the prime of the game.

We who love croquet must all of us engage in missionary work, and there is one very strong argument that can always be used. You never hear anyone say 'I used to play croquet but I've given it up.' Nobody gives up croquet unless like myself he has lost the sight of his master eye. And the same is true of billiards.

Of the pleasures of croquet it would be otiose for me to speak. Preaching to the converted is a waste of time.

So after wishing the Croquet Association and all croquet players a very sunny season I shall say no more.

TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

1960

- June 13 **Compton (Eastbourne)**. *Hon. Sec.*, H. C. S. Perry, 36c Upperton Gardens, Eastbourne.
- " 13 **Nottingham**. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.
- " 20 **Parkstone**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- July 4 **Budleigh Salterton**. *Hon. Sec.*, Major G. F. Stone, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- " 11 **Open Championships (Hurlingham)**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 18 **Cheltenham**. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- " 25 **The Ladies' Field Cup (Hurlingham)**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 1 **Hurlingham**. *Games Secretary*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 9-11 **All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton)**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 10-20 **Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton)**. *Secretary C.A.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 22 **Southwick**. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3.
- " 29 **Hunstanton**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- Sept. 5 **President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Roehampton)**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- " 12 **Parkstone**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- " 19 **Roehampton**. *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
- " 26 **Devonshire Park (Eastbourne)**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

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- June 4-6 **Cheltenham (American)**. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- Aug. 29 **Southwick**. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3.
- Sept. 12 **Cheltenham**. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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COME IN!

A Word to the Non-Player

Most people have declared at one time or another that they will "try anything once". Yet in fact most of us are far more shy of turning our hands to anything unfamiliar than we pretend to be. "How am I to know that I shall like it?" we say. To which one can only answer with one of the oldest phrases in the world: You never know until you try.

You who read this—if the real, the authentic game of croquet is unknown to you—don't know whether you would like it. But here we who already play the game, have played it perhaps, as the present writer has done, for more than fifty years, have an advantage over you. For we know you will. We know this because we have scarcely ever met anyone who gave this immensely skilful and fascinating game a real trial who didn't like it. "Like" is indeed too weak a word, for Croquet gets a grip upon those who try their hand at it such as most of them would never have expected that any game could. How often have we heard it said, "if only I had taken up this game sooner". The speakers are thinking perhaps of the pleasure they have missed, or the triumphs they might have gained at an earlier age. But they would never give up the game now.

It is never too late to take up croquet, for one who can still walk. But it is more important to stress that it is never too early either. Of the 'Best Eight' players chosen by the Croquet Association to contend in its 'masters' tournament last year, three were young men in their twenties. The Championship of New Zealand—and this Dominion has 230 clubs with 5,000 players—was won this year by a boy of sixteen. No one would suggest that Croquet is the most suitable game for the majority of young people, but these facts are set down to show how strong an appeal the game can make to the young. Moreover, those who get the hang of it in their early years have got something to come back to when their more purely athletic days are over. Rugger internationals, Davis Cup tennis players, women who have represented their country at Hockey, have all been included among leading Croquet players in recent years. So have international players at Chess and at Bridge.

Croquet suffers under a drawback from which most good games are free: the great majority of people have only the vaguest ideas of how it is—or ought to be—played. And most of their ideas on the subject are wrong. How this comes about is quite understandable. It is partly to be accounted for by the fact that Croquet is still hag-ridden by its origins. 'Crinolines, curates and cheating'—this sums up the impressions that still pervade many people's minds a century after such a summary had any relation to reality. It is Croquet's misfortune that it generally is played out of sight in private clubs; how can the public know anything about what they have no opportunity to see? This has got to be remedied.

You who read this need not remain any longer in ignorance. If you don't happen to know anyone who belongs to a club in your district, write to the Secretary of the Croquet Association, c/o Hurlingham Club, S.W.6, and every effort will be made to enable you to see what real Croquet is. There is a whole world of skill, amusement and friendliness waiting for you somewhere. We will show you the gate to it: do come in. M.B.R.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

A Word to the Associate

"Regardless of their doom the little victims play" was written by Thomas Gray with a different age group in mind than that exemplified by the general run of croquet players, and Associates may indeed take a poor view of any supposed relevance of the quotation as applied to their activities on the lawns. Nevertheless the words do have a real significance when a once thriving club is seen to be rapidly folding up because of dwindling membership.

The life blood of any organisation is the maintenance of a regular flow of new members and, while the Council can by their efforts do much to create a greater interest in croquet, it is in the last analysis the individual Associate who is more often than not the means of bringing home to the prospective recruit the delights of the game. There can be few Associates who do not have among their friends and relatives some to whom croquet would provide a fresh and stimulating outlet. How satisfying it can be to feel that some of the enjoyment you have had from the game is being passed on, with the added knowledge that you are thus helping to perpetuate this game.

The Council has recently circulated clubs regarding measures that can be taken to increase membership. Among these is a decision that in 1960 the Council will refund half of the subscription of any new Associate whose proposal form is signed by the Secretary or any officer of a Registered Club; here is one incentive to get some of your friends into the C.A. this year. The holding of exhibition matches between local players and some from headquarters, or indeed between players all from local sources, can be a fruitful means of interesting potential Associates, especially if you can get them on to the lawns with a mallet in their hands afterwards.

The well-being of any game depends ultimately on the vitality of its local units and it is in the clubs that croquet must be taught and fostered. A successful club does not, however, just go on by its momentum: there must be a continuous effort to welcome and aid all those whom it can attract. The experience of the newly-formed Glasgow club which is referred to elsewhere in this issue is most encouraging and bodes well for the future of croquet north of the border. It is certain that in any large centre of population there is an abundance of potential croquet players to fill any club. But the members must go and bring them in. Go to it! S.S.T.

COTTER'S WAY

A very timely addition to the literature of Croquet has just been published. Timely, because with this number designed to promote increased interest in the game the more opportune the occasion to draw the attention of readers to a book from an author particularly fitted to pass on the merits of the game he has graced so well. *Tackle Croquet This Way* (Stanley Paul, 12s. 6d.) by E. P. C. Cotter carries with it the hallmark of the authority he has shown on the lawns ever since he broke on the croquet scene in 1947.

Any book on croquet which is designed (as it ought to be) for a wider public than that already in the game has of necessity to start by clearing readers' minds of misconceptions which may be quite firmly planted. Thus, Association Croquet is not Golf Croquet, it is not a garden party entertainment, it is an intelligent, satisfying pastime which takes a very firm hold on those who take it up. The early part of Cotter's book deals very incisively with what Croquet is and what Croquet is not: a passing comment that he lost half a stone in weight during the four and a half days' play when he won the President's Cup in 1949 must surely be sufficient evidence for the uninitiated that there is very much more in the game than they may have been led to believe.

After dealing with the fundamentals of Croquet, Cotter proceeds immediately to the backbone of the game—the Four Ball Break. It is debatable whether this comes a little too early, before the reader has learned more for example about stroke production. However pellucid the style, reading through three or four closely knit pages on the sequence of the Four Ball Break calls for a high degree of concentration (plus an ability to carry a clear mental picture) even for one who knows something of the game. I would recommend readers new to croquet to be content with a superficial run through this section as long as they return to it later. Indeed a footnote at, say, the end of Chapter 8 on page 60—Now refer back to Chapter 4 on the Four Ball Break—might be useful.

There are some constructive hints on style and the choice of a mallet. How often when watching a first-class player in form one is tempted to think that to adopt his style would work wonders with one's own game. As Cotter so rightly remarks however, adopt the style you want because you feel that it is right for you, not because Mr. Hicks gets on all right with it—and adopt the grip that is right for you and don't try one because Mr. Solomon seems to get on well with it. I had wondered whether the reader was to be given any advice on the choice of a square-headed or round-headed mallet but Cotter offers no clue on this. Presumably his answer would be, as with stance, grip, etc., it is entirely a matter of choice. If we think of a random sample of Class A

players, we have on the one hand Cotter, Solomon and Miss Lintern among the "squares", with Hicks, Reckitt and Wiggins among the round-heads. While the result would of course prove nothing an exhibition of Square-heads versus Round-heads would be a pretty suggestion for the Eastbourne match one year.

Readers who studied the article on the Split Shot in April *Croquet* will remember the writer's demolishing the theory of "bisect the angle" and his substituting "bisect the line of destinations". From Cotter's description of the Split Shot on page 58 it would seem that he, at any rate, can have been under no delusion on this matter.

The latter half of the book is one which players moving up in the B Class should find particularly valuable. The chapters on Tactics, Peeling, the Pegged Out Game, etc., are nicely salted with references to actual games in which the author played—and not in every case won. For my part, I have always felt that books on croquet, as in other games, are vastly improved by liberal references to actual happenings in games which can bring home the force of the point being made by the author. I can particularly recommend the chapter on the pegged-out game. There can be few departments of the game which are so fascinating and few where such bad tactics are so frequently displayed. It was remarked during a pegged-out game in Counties week last year that in six consecutive innings not one correct tactical move was made.

Cotter's remark in his chapter on Handicap play that the handicap system bears unfairly sometimes on the Class A player will probably not evoke much sympathy from the B. Class and above player, although there is obviously some force in the particular examples mentioned by the author. His case would perhaps have been stronger if he had put forward an alternative system.

The author's natural prowess—he came down from a handicap of 9 to minus 2 in less than twelve months—sometimes leads to my mind to an over simplification of some aspects of the game. In describing the corner cannon shot from the first corner when for Hoop 1 as a very easy shot he may well have meant that it *should* be very easy, given the patience to practice coupled with a definite measure of ability, but the fact is that few croquet players do play this shot even moderately well. However, it is no fault to set your sights high rather than low and if the standard the author sets himself should be reflected in an improvement in play up and down the country so much the better.

The book is generously illustrated with photographs of the author demonstrating various shots (it is a pity the captions facing page 48 are misplaced), and players of all classes and ages will find much in this work from which they can profit. S.S.T.

To Start You Off

This article, originally written in 1954, was by a beginner as he saw the game and avoids the use of technical language. As such it should interest newcomers to croquet.

WE suppose you to be asking about croquet and saying, "Tell me how you play the game? What are the rules and the general lay-out? Don't tell me too much: just enough to start me off trying to play." To answer you is the aim of this article.

Let us take the game from the very beginning. You go on to the lawn and find six hoops and a "peg" set in a particular order. The hoops are set in a rectangle of four, with two other hoops in the middle separated by a small post known as the "peg", which has the four colours painted on it. The balls are of four different colours, Blue, Black, Red and Yellow. One player plays with Blue and Black, the opponent with Red and Yellow. The object of the game is for one pair of colours to complete the round of hoops and hit the peg before the other pair can do so. The first hoop has its top bar painted blue, and the last hoop has its top bar painted red. The competitors—but not necessarily the colours—play by turns. The one in play can keep "in" as long as he is making points (running hoops), or hitting (roqueting) other balls, success in either of which gives him another shot. The round consists of thirteen points for each ball; twelve hoops and the peg. Starting from the first hoop, with the blue top, the four outside hoops are run or made clockwise; then the two in the middle. The return is then made anti-clockwise from the 2nd hoop, approached from the reverse side (and now called one-back), round the outside hoops and the two hoops up the middle, when the peg is hit as the culminating point of the game. Both balls have to make the complete round and hit the peg; so the game is made up of 26 points.

As each hoop is made, a clip of the colour appropriate to the ball which has made it is put on the top bar for the outward journey, and on an upright for the return journey. Hitting an object ball is called a "roquet": the balls are then placed touching each other, and the striker hits his own ball, having first positioned the balls so that his ball will go—as he hopes—where he wants it to go, and the object ball to another pre-determined position. This is called the croquet shot and requires that the striker shall make a further stroke. When croquet has been taken from a ball it may not be hit again unless a hoop has first been made. In taking croquet, the object ball must be moved, or at least shaken; if this does not happen the stroke is a foul and the opponent is in play. If, in taking croquet, either ball goes over the boundary line, the turn comes to an end.

The main difficulty for the beginner is to attain

consistency in achieving the object aimed at—the hitting of another ball or the running of a hoop. Constant practice and thought given to grip and stance and the behaviour of the mallet are essential. The mallet may seem at first a clumsy weapon, but you will discover eventually that it has a kind of balance and can be handled like other good tools and made to obey your wishes. You have to experiment to find the method of grip and stance and swing which best suits you. But whatever method you adopt the shaft of the mallet should not lean to one side, and you should aim at a flat swing. Regulating the strength of the shot, which is "timing", comes only with much practice. It is a good thing constantly to handle the mallet, familiarising yourself with it, until you feel that *you* are using it and it is not dictating to you. Until you have mastered it you are apt to find yourself, having missed a short shot perhaps through turning the mallet head, standing like the Player in Hamlet, "Tears in his eyes, distraction in's aspect; a broken voice . . . and all for nothing."

The appeal of croquet, as of most games, is that it gives pleasurable, because interesting, exercise to both physical and mental abilities. Physical in the skilful co-ordination of hand and eye: mental in the exploitation of tactics, in an endeavour to make things as difficult as possible for the opponent and as straightforward as possible for yourself. So, in addition to shooting ability, you need a plan to work on. The essence of any such plan must always be to make use of all the balls on the court to help you along. By adopting such a definite plan you can make a series of hoops in one turn, and, when you are skilful enough, make a complete round. This running of hoops in series is called making a break. The approved method is always to have a ball to help you into position at the hoop you intend to make; another ball, called a pivot ball, somewhere about the centre of the court, and a ball as near as possible to the hoop next beyond the hoop you are making. You approach your hoop with the help of a ball you have roqueted, put it to the far side of the hoop leaving yourself in position, go through, roquet the ball again, take croquet from it to the pivot ball sending it to the hoop beyond the next, and having made use of the pivot ball go yourself to the ball at the hoop you are about to make. Continue the scheme to the happy ending or until you break down. When you have got one ball round beware of feeling cock-a-hoop; the second ball has to be got round too, and the old adage is all too frequently proved true, that the devil is wont to take the hindmost.

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Hurlingham Club on Thursday, 3rd March, 1960.

Present

Miss D. A. Lintern (Chairman), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, H. C. S. Perry, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts, Cmdr. G. W. Style, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies for absence

Col. C. C. Adams, Mr. D. E. Buckland, Col. J. G. Clarke, Rev. G. H. F. Elvey, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Brig. J. S. Omond, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Rotherham, S. S. Townsend.

The Chairman opened the meeting by reading a telegram from the Queen's Private Secretary, thanking the Association for their good wishes on the birth of Her Majesty's second son.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th January and of the Special Council Meeting held on 21st January, were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

(a) Miss Lintern read a letter from Mr. Townsend in which he said that he wished to resign from the Council as it was seldom possible for him to attend meetings. He, however, was willing to continue as Editor of *Croquet* as long as the Council wished. The Council asked the Secretary to send him a letter of regret at his resignation and thanks for being willing to continue with the magazine. It was proposed by Mr. Brackenbury and seconded by Dr. Wiggins and agreed that Mr. Townsend be asked to attend meetings as Magazine Representative.

(b) The Secretary read a letter from Mr. W. E. C. Cotton resigning his Trusteeship. The Secretary was asked to send him a letter of thanks for his services, and was instructed to have the share certificates amended.

(c) The Council took note of a letter from Australia (Mrs. Sharples) saying that should the new Law Books prove too expensive Australia might reluctantly have to consider printing their own. It was decided to let Australia have the books as cheaply as possible and inform Mrs. Sharples accordingly.

(d) Mrs. O'Reilly (Carrickmines) wrote saying that the increase of the Levy was disastrous to the Club and asked for the Levy to be suspended for two years. The Council decided that this was not constitutionally possible. If at the end of the season the Club was in real need it could apply for a Tournament subsidy as laid down in page 20 of the Handbook.

(e) A letter from Mrs. Wills (New Zealand) was read by the Chairman and in reply to the questions raised it was agreed that (i) three test matches should be played against each country and that every endeavour would be made to send six players, (ii) New Zealand should be informed that while this country would be as helpful as possible it was doubtful whether to take out sets of balls would be satisfactory.

Questions

(a) Mr. Evans asked if the Surrey Cup Tie could be worn by anyone invited, but who could not play in the Competition but was told that only actual players were entitled to do so.

(b) Mr. Brackenbury asked if tents were again to be provided at Devonshire Park this year and it was unanimously agreed that this should be so.

(c) Dr. Ormerod asked which variations are to be played this year. After discussion Dr. Ormerod proposed and Mr. Perry seconded that the present variations in vogue be extended for tournaments this season and this was agreed under Standing Order 8 (6). It was also decided that the Tournament Committee should consider in the Autumn the arrangements for the 1961 season.

Finance and General Purposes Committee Report

(a) In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Duffield presented the audited accounts. Cmdr. Style proposed that the valuation of the trophies be examined, not for insurance purposes but to check the validity of the present figures, and it was agreed that the auditors should consider the point next year. Mr. Evans proposed and Major Dibley seconded that the accounts be adopted, and this the Council agreed unanimously.

(b) In discussing the estimates of "Twelve Hints to Long Bisquers" Mr. Perry proposed and Mr. Brackenbury agreed that further consideration should be given to the title. This was referred to the Publicity Committee for action.

(c) With regard to the reprinting of the Handbook, the Council agreed that a loss was inevitable and accepted the Committee's suggestion of charging 6d. more than the present price, i.e. 4s. 6d.

(d) Subscriptions. After prolonged discussion the Council agreed that the matter of revision of subscriptions should be deferred to the Council meeting on April 7th.

(e) Tournament Entries. After discussion Cmdr. Style proposed "That the attention of Associates be drawn to Regulation 6 which will in future be enforced and that competitors be urged to use the official entry forms". This was agreed. Regulation (6) to be published in *Croquet*.

Any Other Business

(a) Dr. Wiggins proposed and Brig. Stokes-Roberts seconded that the Annual General Meeting be held on Monday, May 23rd, at the Hurlingham Club at 4.30 p.m. This was agreed.

(b) It was decided that if there had to be a ballot for seats on the Council, Capt. Stoker and Mrs. Haigh Smith should be asked to be scrutineers. If either of these could not accept, Mrs. Thom should be approached.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, 7th April, 1960.

Present

Miss D. A. Lintern (Chairman), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Major J. H. Dibley, Rev. G. H. F. Elvey, G. V. Evans, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Brig. J. S. Omond, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style, J. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies for Absence

Col. C. C. Adams, D. E. Buckland, Col. J. G. Clarke, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, E. P. Duffield, Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith, H. C. S. Perry, Mrs. E. Reeve, S. S. Townsend, Mrs. I. H. Turketine.

The Chairman opened the meeting by informing the Council of the sad news of the death of Mr. Watkins. "Clem" as he was generally known was a very popular member of the New Zealand Test Team. The Secretary was asked to write to Mrs. Watkins expressing the Council's deep sympathy, and as a token of their respect the Chairman asked members to stand.

Minutes

With the addition of the numbers of those candidates elected at the last Council meeting the Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

A letter was read from Col. Adams resigning his office as a Trustee and saying, in view of his inability to attend meetings, that he should also resign from the Council. On Mr. Reckitt's suggestion it was decided to defer any action on the latter point until the election to the Council at the Annual General Meeting, and it would be with great regret if the Council had to accept the resignation of Col. Adams.

Questions

Mr. Elvey referred to Mrs. Farnsworth's excellent broadcast on "Croquet" in the "Indian Summer" programme. He proposed and Brig. Stokes Roberts seconded that a letter be sent to Mrs. Farnsworth thanking her for this very good publicity. This was agreed.

Report of the Publicity Committee

Mr. Solomon presented the report as the Chairman, Mrs. Turketine was, unfortunately, unable to attend. The publishers of Dr. Ormerod's book had sent two Agreement Contract Forms for signature, which Mr. Reckitt presented to Council, who then authorised the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Association. After a full discussion Dr. Wiggins proposed and Mr. Evans seconded that the Publicity Report be accepted by Council, leaving the details of carrying it out to the Publicity Committee and authorising that not more than £100 be spent on publicity this year. This was agreed.

Council's Motion for amendment of Trustees on Share Certificates

The resignations as Trustees of Col. Adams and Mr. Cotton were accepted and it was proposed from the Chair that Cmdr. G. W. Style be appointed as Trustee to serve with Mr. G. V. Evans. This was unanimously agreed.

Result of Ballot for Handicapping Co-ordinating Committee

The following were elected:—
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Major J. H. Dibley, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts.

Application for Grant from the Reigate Club

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Buckley, the Secretary of the Reigate Club, in which he asked if the C.A. could give the Club a grant to help pay for the extensive additions they had made. The Chairman also read a letter from Mr. Duffield (Chairman of the Finance Committee) strongly endorsing her own opinion that Reigate was a progressive Club and fully deserving of help. Mr. Elvey proposed and Brig. Stokes-Roberts seconded that a grant of £10 be made. This was unanimously agreed by Council. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Buckley thanking him for all his efforts.

Subscriptions

Mr. Brackenbury proposed and Cmdr. Style seconded that consideration of this matter should be deferred for six months. Mr. Solomon suggested that in the interim proposals might be sent to the Secretary. This was agreed.

Report by Secretary

on her interview with Mr. Gordon Nicholson, one of the heads of the National Spastics Society. Mr. Nicholson had come with the idea of starting croquet in some of the Society's Homes. Dr. Wiggins expressed grave doubts as to whether it was possible for spastics to play the game. It was proposed by Mr. Brackenbury and seconded by Mrs. Heley that Mr. Nicholson be asked to Hurlingham to meet Dr. Wiggins, Major Tingey and the Secretary to give him the opportunity of considering the matter further.

Any Other Business

Mr. Reckitt spoke on the Dominion Tour and told the Council that the letter they had agreed would be going out shortly to all scratch and minus players. Also that the Tour Committee had accepted the proposed itinerary which had been received from New Zealand. The matches would begin on January 3rd, and would be spread over nine weeks: in the following two weeks the Dominion Championships would be played.

The Council authorised the Secretary to write to the Australian Croquet Council expressing their strong preference for six players to take part in the Test Matches and their hope that the Australian Council would agree.

Report of the Publicity Committee

It is with pleasure we report that Dr. Ormerod's book on croquet is to be published in "Know the Game" Series, price 2s. 6d., early in 1961, at no cost whatsoever to the C.A.

It was agreed that we recommend a Publicity Campaign to be put in hand forthwith in an endeavour to enlarge the membership of the C.A. To this end it was unanimously decided to ask Council to provide not less than £100 to be used this year.

The following propositions were put forward:—

(i) To advertise in the *Times* and *Telegraph* Personal Columns to the effect "A game erroneously called 'croquet' has been played on private lawns for years. *Real Croquet* is a wonderful game. Send for information to the Secretary, etc."

(ii) That big C.A. Events should also be advertised in these columns and Hurlingham and Roehampton Clubs be asked to give block vouchers for admission.

(iii) That we should also advertise in the *Journal of the Royal Commonwealth Society*, *Time and Tide*, the *Spectator* and the *Field*.

(iv) Posters. That free printed posters should be supplied to Clubs to advertise tournaments, and that a poster be put up outside Roehampton Club.

(v) As an encouragement to Clubs to canvas for new Associates, half the first year's subscription should be refunded to the Club proposing the Associate.

(vi) That a notice should be put in *Croquet* asking all Associates to be specially helpful to any visitors and to explain the game to them.

(vii) That the June issue of *Croquet* should be a special Publicity Issue with spare copies to be distributed as advertisement.

(viii) That more exhibition games should be staged.

(ix) That Clubs should run Novices' Competitions—6 hoops and peg—each novice to be taken round by a player.

(x) That players should go to new Clubs to show them the game. If necessary their fares should be paid.

(xi) That Miss Lintern and Brig. Stokes-Roberts should go to Hampton Court with the idea of starting there.

(xii) That Mr. Solomon be asked to enquire at the Lensbury Sports Club (Shell Co.) regarding the possibility of reviving croquet there.

(xiii) That the Secretary should write to all Club Secretaries explaining these suggestions and asking for their help and co-operation and that parts of Miss Roe's letter should be incorporated in this letter.

The matter of the title of "Twelve Hints to Long Bisquers" having been referred by Council to this committee, it was decided to change the name to "Twelve Hints to Beginners".

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

May 23rd, 1960

HUNSTANTON

- ✓ D. W. Curtis 4 to 3.
- ✓ Mrs. A. N. Rolfe 12 to 10.
- ✓ Derek Watson 12.

PEEL MEMORIALS

- ✓ G. N. B. Huskinson 4 to 3.
- ✓ T. G. S. Colls 4 to 3.
- ✓ Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard 5 to 3½.
- ✓ A. M. Camroux 6 to 5.
- ✓ Mrs. K. Ellis 2 to 1½.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON (non-official)

- ✓ J. G. Warwick 0 to —½.
- ✓ A. D. Karmel 2½ to 2.
- ✓ Dr. B. N. Smartt 8 to 6.
- ✓ G. A. Black 8 to 7½.
- ✓ Mrs. Smartt 11 to 10.
- ✓ Major E. C. Heathcote 10 to 8.
- ✓ Miss J. Cooper 10 to 9.
- ✓ Mrs. G. Cave 16 (D 14).
- ✓ Mrs. Creed Meredith 16 (D 14).
- ✓ Dr. T. C. C. Evans 16 (D 14).

BRIGHTON

- ✓ T. A. Chignell 4½ to 4.
- ✓ H. A. Green 4 to 3½.
- ✓ Miss H. D. Parker 5 to 3½.
- ✓ W. B. C. Paynter 1 to 0.
- ✓ Miss A. M. Taylor 12 to 11.
- ✓ Miss M. Morgan 8 to 7.
- ✓ Mrs. W. A. Naylor 13 to 12.

BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, *British International*

I am turning this month to the play of a no trump hand and discussing the hold-up, one of the declarer's greatest weapons. Let us take the following hand:

S—A, Q.		
H—K, 5, 4.		
D—A, Q, 10, 9, 3.		
C—6, 4, 3.		
S—9, 6, 4.	N	S—10, 8, 5, 3, 2.
H—J, 10, 3.	W E	H—Q, 8, 7.
D—7, 2.	S	D—K, 5, 4.
C—A, 10, 7, 5, 2.		C—Q, 9.
	S—K, J, 7.	
	H—A, 9, 6, 2.	
	D—J, 8, 6.	
	C—K, J, 8.	

The bidding is short and simple. North deals and bids one Diamond, South 2NT and North 3NT. West's opening lead is the five of Clubs and East plays the Queen.

Now even the neophyte has a dim idea that holding up an Ace in the opponent's suit is a good thing to do. Some may even know why! The reason is to exhaust one defender of his partner's suit. Change the Club holding in South's hand from K, J, 8 to A, 8, 2

and every declarer would cheerfully hold up the Ace for one round (that is enough) but with the hand as given many a declarer would go wrong. And yet the basic principle is exactly the same. But it is the possibility of getting two tricks in the Club suit that lures the declarer to his doom by taking the Queen with his King at trick one. A large number of misplays at Bridge is caused by one of two things, fear or greed. In this case, of course, it is greed that causes the declarer's downfall.

It is clear that the refusal to take trick one is a hundred per cent safety measure—it ensures the success of the contract. If West has five Clubs originally East has but two and the hold up ensures ten tricks. If East has three Clubs West started with only four and there is no danger.

Change the Knave of Clubs in South's hand with the Queen in East's, so that South's holding is K, Q, 8. Now when East plays the Knave to his partner's opening lead South should again refuse to take. The principle is still the same but more declarers would go wrong because the K, Q combination casts an even greater spell than the K, J.

One last change. North's Diamond holding is K, Q, 10, 9, 3, instead of A, Q, 10, 9, 3. Now when East's Queen of Clubs appears do you hold up or not? The answer to that is—who holds the Ace of Diamonds? If West has it you must not hold up, if East has it you must. (Work it out for yourself.) Which are you to do? Your guess is as good as mine! (Copyright

Questions and Answers

Question: If blue and black are in contact at the beginning of a turn and the player picks up blue in order to take croquet from black, may he change his mind and replace blue to take croquet with black?

Answer: No, he may not—see 40 (a) and 11 (b). Once he has lifted the blue he must play with it.

Note: If on the other hand, blue is in contact with red and the player of blue picks up red but does not play with it he has committed no breach of the Laws if he replaces it and plays with blue, as he could not have had any intention of playing with the opponent's ball.

Question: If in Doubles the player of blue picks up black, his partner must come on the court and play the turn. Is this correct?

Answer: Yes. See 11 (b) and 40 (a). "That ball" in line 3 of Law 40 (a) refers to "either of the strikers' balls" (or partner's ball) in line 2. M.M.R.

HANDICAPPING CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE, 1960

Members

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Major J. H. Dibley, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts.

Extract from Report of the sub-committee on the reconstitution of the Handicapping Co-ordination Committee

That in future the five members of the handicapping co-ordinating committee should be elected by ballot by members of the council.

That candidates should first be nominated by members of the council who may include non-council associates among their nominees.

Election would be for a period of three years.

The names of this committee should appear in *Croquet* at least twice during the season.

THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Played at the Hurlingham Club, May 24th-27th, 1960. The following were the players nominated to play:—

SUSSEX.—Col. F. E. Stobart, L. Kirk-Greene, Major J. R. Abbey, Lady Ursula Abbey, E. A. Roper, Mrs. N. Wallwork, Mrs. E. A. Roper, G. Williams.

HANTS & DORSET.—Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, T. A. Chignell, Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith, V. A. de la Ncu-gerede, Major J. H. Dibley.

DEVON.—Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. G. Warwick, Miss E. J. Warwick, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, A. J. Cooper, Miss A. E. Mills, Mrs. R. G. Michelmore, Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

SURREY.—M. B. Reckitt, Col. C. C. Adams, G. V. Evans, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, Capt. K. B. Millar.

MIDDLESEX.—E. P. C. Cotter, Miss E. Fisher, Miss D. A. Lintern, J. W. Solomon, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Major R. Tingey, Mrs. R. Tingey, S. S. Townsend.

EASTERN COUNTIES.—Mrs. E. Reeve, E. P. Duffield, Mrs. P. E. Heley, A. D. Karmel, Mrs. A. D. Karmel, C. S. Ratcliffe, Brian Lloyd Pratt.

OXON, BUCKS & BERKS.—Col. J. G. Clarke, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Miss Hazel Parker, G. F. Rothwell, N. F. Blackwood, Dr. C. A. Boucher, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

The results and report of the event will appear in *Croquet* for July.

OBITUARY

C. A. WATKINS

M. B. Reckitt writes:—

The death of Clem Watkins early this year, though not un-expected, will be felt as a blow to all who met him here in 1956. Met, but alas, scarcely ever saw him play, for it was on the eve of the second Test Match that Clem's health broke down so badly that he was never able to play serious croquet again. Few of us then realised how grave a loss this was to the New Zealand team, for it was not widely known how fine a record this player had in his own country. He won both the Dominion and the Men's Championship in 1954 and the second of three successive Doubles Championships with his wife in the same year. This was his greatest season, but he had many other successes, and would certainly have had them here if fate had not intervened to deprive him of the opportunity.

When my wife and I were in Hastings at Christmas in 1957 we went often to the croquet club and almost every day Clem was there, with a keen eye on all that was going on, and good advice to give to those who needed it, as at that moment I myself very particularly did. His afflictions never seemed to affect either his love for the game he could no longer play or the gaiety of heart which was so delightful a part of his personality. The deepest sympathy will go out to Mrs. Watkins who gave the whole of her time and care to looking after him. We cannot but hope that so brilliant a player as Rene showed herself here to be may now make a return to the tournament game.

BERNARD G. KLEIN

The death of this fine player occurred recently at the age of 78. In the dozen years between the middle of the twenties and the middle of the thirties, a period in which rivalry at the top was particularly keen, Bernard Klein was a formidable competitor among the very best; he appeared six times in the "Best Tens" of those days, and was a close runner-up to Miss Steel in 1931; indeed during these years when our greatest woman player was at her best no one had a better record against her than Klein. He won the Open Doubles Championship three times, and the Men's Championship in 1928. He was victorious in the Surrey Championship, held at his home club, Surbiton, on a number of occasions.

Klein had a peculiar idiosyncrasy in his style; a 'front' player, he swung his mallet in such a way that it must inevitably have hit his back foot had he not withdrawn this in the very act of striking. But the movement was so perfectly "geared into" his swing that this never happened. Though he had a somewhat melancholy manner, this in no way affected his power to play an uphill game at need, and he was greatly liked by all those who had the good fortune to play against—or more luckily still—with him. M.B.R.


E. V. CARPMAEL

This long-standing devotee of croquet died suddenly at Hunstanton on April 30th having been playing croquet only a few hours before. He was a much valued member at Hunstanton and gave freely of his time in coaching and encouraging new members.

He won his C.A. silver medal as long ago as 1900 and was a regular competitor at tournaments up and down the country. He had an unusual address to the ball, somewhat in the golfing style. Ever a doughty warrior on the lawns he will be much missed.

Miss JANET BIRCH

This lady was for many years a member of the Woking Club and a good player at her handicap of 6½, though a somewhat inconsistent one. Her death early in May robs this club of a keen player and will be lamented by those who knew her and welcomed her quick and enterprising play. Whether on her game or not, Miss Birch "got on with the game" and in this respect set an example which deserved to be followed more widely than it often is.

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CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, *Croquet*

Dear Sir,

Rover's comments in April led me to study the minutes of Council meetings. What struck me was the attention paid to the minutiae of the game and the massive array of talent devoted to them. What is not so obvious is any appreciation of the grim fact that croquet may be dying on its feet and shaping for extinction within a few years.

Judging from local observation over the past five years, the disease seems to be related to the inflated numbers of committee members as compared with the numbers of active players and to the instinctive resistance of the aged to any ideas that were not current in their youth. Where three people can attack a problem and arrive at a reasonable decision, a dozen or more usually dissolve in a spate of irrelevant talk.

A reappraisal of policies is long overdue; but there is little hope for the future so long as the ideas of younger players, who are those most concerned with survival of the game, continue to be subject to what may aptly be described as the Victorian veto.

A breath of fresh air is much needed in the world of croquet.

Yours faithfully,

DUNCAN W. ROE

(Commander Roe's strictures are largely answered by this issue of *Croquet* which the Council decided should be framed as a publicity number, designed to bring the game to the attention of a wider section of the public. There are inevitably in any organisation minutiae which fall to be considered but the Commander can rest assured that the Council do not get bogged down by these at the expense of more urgent matters. The letter which the Council authorised to be sent to all clubs in April, dealing with measures to spread publicity, sufficiently suggests how groundless a charge this is.—*Editorial Panel.*)

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Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham

The entries to our internal tournaments are up to the customary standard. We shall of course miss the Baillieus now in Australia, the Longmans who will be across the Atlantic during part of the season, and we are all sorry that Roger de Wesselow is again unable to enter. The numbers for the All England handicap are as usual well over 16 so that the two finalists will both go forward to Roehampton. It is four years since we last provided the winner in the person of Donald Buckland but it may be that all our handicaps are tighter than in the past.

Lawn six has been completely relaid but the very dry conditions of March and April have meant that Tom Grey has prudently discouraged its coming into use until as late as possible.

Glasgow

This newest addition to the list of registered clubs has started with a bang. With a membership of 44, a waiting list has had to be imposed which already contains 17 names. An Open Day is planned for June 25th and two former champions, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins have kindly agreed to give an Exhibition Game. It is hoped that the Lord Provost of Glasgow will officiate.

Members have been working hard in preparing the lawns, since although the quality of the grass could hardly be better there is some tough stuff to be dealt with and lumps to be rolled out.

Captain Reid Walker and Mr. H. O. Hicks are two more top-ranking players who have arranged to come and play an exhibition for the Club and this has been arranged for July 23rd.

Reigate Priory

There were 17 members at the Annual General Meeting in April, Mrs. Hodson the President being among those present. Reference was made to the passing of the groundsman, William Bernard Nickson, who had been associated with the Priory since 1923. The Club thanked Mrs. Hodson for her gift of two silver cups which had been won by her husband—to be known as the Hodson Memorial Doubles. Colonel Fuller offered to present a cup for a competition open to lady members and the meeting warmly thanked him for this generous gift.

Roehampton

We welcome seven new members to the croquet section and we had an enjoyable opening day of Golf Croquet on 23rd April. The Trevelyan Bowl handicap competition was competed for, and Mrs. R. Tingey is to be congratulated on winning this handsome trophy, while Mrs. S. M. Adler as the other finalist thus holds the Memorial Tankard. We were all pleased to see Miss Lintern acquitting herself so well in the Peel Memorials, dividing the singles with Mrs. Ellis and narrowly losing in the doubles final.

LEAMINGTON SPA TOURNAMENT

The Committee of the Warwickshire Croquet Club very much regret that they are unable to hold a Tournament this year, but hope to see their friends in Leamington next season.

E. Sidwell,
Tournament Secretary

HUNSTANTON

(Unofficial Tournament)

April 22nd—25th

This, the first tournament of the season, was blessed with beautiful weather and an encouraging entry—nearly twice as many as in 1959. The event was accordingly run in two blocks. Mr. D. Curtis who came very forcefully into competitive croquet last year won Block A, while that promising local product Mrs. Neville-Rolfe won Block B and proceeded to win the play-off by 12.

Mr. C. B. Bird, the doyen of the lawns at Hunstanton, was unable to manage this year and was greatly missed. Fortunately Mr. E. V. Carpmael was at hand to help in piloting things along (we were all grieved to learn of his sudden death a week after the tournament).

The groundsman had done sterling work on the lawns which were playing very well.

HUNSTANTON

AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

BLOCK "A"

NAMES	Handicaps					
		Miss E. C. Brumpton	E. V. Carpmael	D. W. Curtis	Mrs. P. E. Heley	Mrs. Perowne
Miss E. C. Brumpton	9	—	17	15	26	25
E. V. Carpmael	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	—	11	26	Ret
D. W. Curtis	4	26	26	—	26	26
Mrs. P. E. Heley	4	22	22	1	—	14
Mrs. Perowne	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	—	17	26	—

BLOCK "B"

NAMES	Handicaps					
		Miss E. M. Brumpton	F. H. Curtis	Mrs. F. H. Curtis	Mrs. Rolfe	D. R. Watson
Miss E. M. Brumpton	13	—	20	26	18	13
F. H. Curtis	12	26	—	26	14	19
Mrs. F. H. Curtis	14	9	25	—	11	9
Mrs. Rolfe	12	26	26	26	—	26
D. R. Watson	14	26	26	26	22	—

PLAY-OFF.

Mrs. N. Rolfe (12) bt D. W. Curtis (4) by 12.

PEEL MEMORIALS

May 9th to 14th

There was a gratifying increase in the entries for this old-established event, 40 names going into the draw compared with 30 last year. As in 1959, the weather was favourable throughout most of the week, marred somewhat by a steady downpour on much of Friday. There were four previous holders of the men's event and three of the women's event so that a high quality of play was to be anticipated. Particularly welcome entries were Lady Stanham and Mr. Paynter, from Australia, and Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Penn, from New Zealand. We no longer think of the Tingeyes as having Antipodean roots as they are such an integral part of croquet in this country.

Men's Singles

The winner both last year and the year before, G. N. B. Huskinson, was again in the entries and on his handicap of 4 seemed quite well placed to bring off the hat-trick. His chief rivals on "bisques in hand" seemed to be Lt.-Col. Prichard, Camroux, Colls and Dr. Ryves. As it happened, Huskinson reached the final of both Draw and Process but was then beaten by Prichard and Colls who began the play-off at 5.30 p.m. on the Saturday. It was unusual to find two Cheltenham players contesting a final as not a large proportion of their members travel very far afield. Prichard who had had a number of clear-cut victories earlier in the week soon got going in the play-off and made an unruffled all round break in the first half-hour.

Indeed he had got his other ball round to 4-back before Colls had much opportunity of showing his worth. However, he then profited by a mistake of his opponent's and took his ball right round, but stuck most disastrously in the rover hoop, Prichard finishing the game in the next turn.

Among those who had caught the eye earlier in the week were Stoker, as spry as ever, Dr. Ryves and Camroux, who most regrettably had to be scratched from one half because of Doubles commitments. Among the veterans we were pleased to see Spencer Ell who won the event 32 years ago, Maurice Reckitt, Dr. Penny and Victor Evans, none of whom, however, did themselves real justice although Dr. Penny played extremely well in two doubles games.

Women's Singles

Last year's winner, Miss Hickson, did not appear on this occasion but her opponent in the final Mrs. Stanley Smith was among the entries. In the early part of the week it was obvious that one of the New Zealand visitors, Mrs. Ellis, was going to be difficult to beat and so it proved as she reached the final of both halves. In one she defeated that steady player Miss Fisher, but in the other lost to Miss Lintern in a game in which neither showed their best form. Miss Lintern was seen to be hoop-bound on at least four occasions but what chances she gave to Mrs. Ellis were not used to best advantage. As time did not permit a play-off, the event was divided.

In an interesting finish in one of the earlier rounds Miss Lintern was in the fourth corner with only the peg to score, her other ball being pegged out, with Lady Ursula Abbey dead in front of the rover, her other ball likewise being pegged out. With the prospect of Lady Ursula, having made the rover, finding herself stymied from the peg, Miss Lintern played gently to reach north of the peg also stymied from her opponent. In the event, Miss Lintern's ball just rolled on to the peg, thus denying the spectators (and Lady Ursula) the pleasure of seeing the outcome of the next shot.

The Doubles

Features of early rounds were the play of Paynter and Mrs. Curtis against Stoker and Huskinson, and that of Dr. Penny and Mrs. Heley in their first two matches. The two pairs who reached the final are beginning to know each other's play fairly well, Miss Lintern and Mrs. Stanley Smith having won the event in 1958 and 1959, while Camroux and Dr. Ryves had played regularly at Blackheath for some years. The final in this doubles event seems to be doomed to be a protracted affair and this year it was longer than ever: the solution seems to be to time it from the outset or to make the event a shortened game. Camroux and Dr. Ryves eventually ran out the winners after five hours of in and out play and thus deprived Miss Lintern and Mrs. Stanley Smith of the honour of a hat-trick.

V. de la Nougerede had numerous problems to contend with what with a number of games taking place at Hurlingham, but came through the week very well and the thanks of all players are due to him. Mrs. Adler presided at the prize-giving with her customary grace.

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES.
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THE DRAW.
(21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
A. V. Camroux (6) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 12.
Major R. Tingey (—½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) by 9.
M. B. Reckitt (—1½) bt F. H. Curtis (12) by 2.
W. H. Austin (14) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 6.
Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt F. Stanley Smith (10) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0*) by 8.
G. N. B. Huskinson (4) bt T. G. S. Colls (4) by 15.
A. V. Camroux (6) bt Dr. H. J. Penney (3½) by 22.
Major R. Tingey (—½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1½) by 12.
W. H. Austin (14) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 19.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (2) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 15.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 12.
Lt.-Col. D. M. Prichard (5) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.
G. N. B. Huskinson (4) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 24.
A. V. Camroux (6) bt Major R. Tingey (—½) by 3.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (2) bt W. H. Austin (14) by 16.
Lt.-Col. D. M. Prichard (5) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.
G. N. B. Huskinson (4) w.o. A. V. Camroux opponent scratched.
Lt.-Col. D. M. Prichard (5) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (2) by 25.

FINAL.
Lt.-Col. D. M. Prichard (5) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (4) by 4.

PLAY-OFF.
Lt.-Col. D. M. Prichard bt T. G. S. Colls by 15.

PROCESS.
(21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
T. G. S. Colls (4) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 9.
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Dr. H. J. Penney (3½) by 6.
G. V. Evans (1½) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0*) by 15.
G. N. B. Huskinson (4) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (5) by 12.
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) w.o. Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts opponent retired.

SECOND ROUND.
A. V. Camroux (6) bt F. Stanley Smith (10) by 13.
T. G. S. Colls (4) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1½) by 25.
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 25.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 11.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (2) bt Major R. Tingey (—½) by 16.
G. N. B. Huskinson (4) bt W. H. Austin (14) by 3.
Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 9.
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt F. H. Curtis (12) by 4.

THIRD ROUND.
T. G. S. Colls (4) bt A. V. Camroux (6) by 1.
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) by 11.
G. N. B. Huskinson (4) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (2) by 2.
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.
T. G. S. Colls (4) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 4.
G. N. B. Huskinson (4) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 12.

FINAL.
T. G. S. Colls (4) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (4) by 15.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES.
A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.
("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.
(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. A. Fitter (10) by 19.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Miss E. E. Fisher (2½) by 6.
Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Mrs. H. M. Carrington (8) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6) by 4.
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Lady R. Stanham (12) by 16.
Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 11.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 19.
Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (4) by 9.
Mrs. K. Ellis (2) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) by 18.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) bt Mrs. H. A. Penn (1) by 16.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) by 11.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (10) by 4.
Mrs. K. Ellis (2) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 15.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 11.
Mrs. K. Ellis (2) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) by 6.

FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. K. Ellis (2) by 14.

PLAY-OFF.

Divided.

PROCESS.

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) by 14.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 6.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (10) by 9.
Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 2.
Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (10) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (4) by 3.
Miss E. E. Fisher (2½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) by 14.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. H. A. Penn (1) by 4.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) bt Lady R. Stanham (12) by 5.
Mrs. K. Ellis (2) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 15.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) by 3.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (14) by 8.
Miss E. E. Fisher (2½) bt Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (10) by 6.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 2.
Mrs. K. Ellis (2) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. E. Fisher (5½) w.o. opponent scratched.
Mrs. K. Ellis (2) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8) by 22.

FINAL.

Mrs. K. Ellis (2) bt Miss E. E. Fisher (2½) by 19.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

LADY MURRAY SILVER CHALLENGE CUP.
(Combined Handicaps two or over).
(15 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penney and Mrs. P. E. Heley (7½) bt Mrs. H. A. Penn and Mrs. K. Ellis (3) by 10.
Major R. Tingey and Lady R. Stanham (11½) bt G. V. Evans and E. A. Roper (4½) by 10.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (9) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. G. Fitter (13) by 12.
W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. F. Curtis (15) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and G. N. B. Huskinson (5½) by 2.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington and F. Curtis (20) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 7.
Lt.-Col. D. M. Prichard and T. G. S. Colls (9) bt W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. M. Temple (26) by 7.
Dr. T. E. Ryves and A. V. Camroux (11) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (5) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penney and Mrs. P. E. Heley (7½) bt Major R. Tingey and Lady R. Stanham (11½) by 20.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (9) bt W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (15) by 3.
Lt.-Col. D. M. Prichard and T. G. S. Colls (9) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington and F. Curtis (20) by 14.
Dr. T. E. Ryves and A. V. Camroux (11) bt M. B. Reckitt and A. J. Oldham (5) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (9) bt Dr. H. J. Penney and Mrs. P. E. Heley (7½) by 5 on time.
Dr. T. E. Ryves and A. V. Camroux (11) bt Lt.-Col. Prichard and T. G. S. Colls (9) by 18.

FINAL.

Dr. T. E. Ryves and A. V. Camroux (11) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (9) by 4.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Unofficial

This tournament makes an excellent start to the season for many players, being played on American lines, and showed its popularity by the number of entries which necessitated the usual four blocks being extended to five.

The block winners were: A, Guy Warwick, who was undefeated in this block; B, A. D. Karmel; C, Dr. Smartt; D, Major Heathcote, who was also undefeated; E, Mrs. Smartt.

Warwick played consistently well throughout but had a close shave when playing Major Stone, who being a long way behind suddenly found his touch and overhauled his opponent only to lose by one point at the finish.

Another splendid match was that between Miss Joan Warwick and Canon Creed Meredith; Miss Warwick was at the rover with both balls when her opponent was at the second and fourth hoops, the latter, however, by careful and skilful play won the match without Miss Warwick scoring another point.

The semi-finals produced some excellent play and in each case the longer bisquer was the victor. The final was a good match and was worthily won by Major Heathcote.

The doubles provided some enjoyable games not least of all the final in which Karmel and Smartt only overcame Warwick and Mrs. Jones-Bateman after a hard struggle.

The extra event was won by Miss Joan Cooper who shows distinct promise and who should soon lose some of her bisques. Among those who caught the eye were Mrs. Michelmore, who has a beautiful swing and is capable of extending the best of players when on her game.

Mr. Black also played well and showed a sound knowledge of the game. It was pleasant to see Mrs. Gerald Cave and Mrs. Nora Kitchen playing with such apparent confidence in their first tournament.

For once in a while Mrs. Rotherham was not in her usual devastating form, but her tactics, as always, were a lesson to all.

An interesting innovation in blocks D and E was that each player played with his full allowance of bisques, less four. The idea of this was to enable the long bisquers to progress more speedily by using their bisques for this purpose. Unfortunately the desired result was not achieved as most players used their bisques to break up their opponent's position, so the experiment was not a success. However, if the bisques had been used for the purpose for which they were given, there is little doubt that the players would have got even more enjoyment from their games than they did and it is an experiment worth repeating.

It only remains to say how much everyone enjoyed themselves, thanks to the efficient management of Miss A. E. Mills and to the kindness and help of the committee, the members and the staff of the club.

Finally a word of appreciation for West, the groundsman, for the condition of the lawns. Although the weather was beautiful during the days, there was considerable rain each night, yet even so he managed, somehow or other, to have the lawns freshly mown before play most morning.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(33 Entries).

GROUP "A"

NAMES	Handicaps	NAMES						
		Mrs. E. Rotherham	Major G. F. Stone	Miss E. J. Warwick	J. G. Warwick	Can. R. Creed Meredith	Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	A. J. Cooper
Mrs. E. Rotherham	—	—	26	0	5	6	9	0
Major G. F. Stone	—3	3	—	8	25	11	11	7
Miss E. J. Warwick	—½	26	26	—	18	22	24	26
J. G. Warwick	0	26	26	26	—	26	26	26
Canon R. Creed Meredith	0	26	26	26	4	—	26	26
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	½	26	26	26	23	17	—	13
A. J. Cooper	2	26	26	12	6	12	26	—

GROUP "B"

NAMES	Handicaps	NAMES						
		Mrs. H. F. Chittenden	A. D. Karmel	Capt. K. B. Millar	N. F. Blackwood	Miss V. E. Mills	Miss K. Ault	Mrs. R. G. Michelmore
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden	2½	—	22	26	26	26	22	26
A. D. Karmel	2½	26	—	21	26	26	26	26
Capt. K. B. Millar	3	20	26	—	13	11	14	25
N. F. Blackwood	3½	26	20	26	—	15	X	16
Miss V. E. Mills	3½	22	22	26	19	—	26	22
Miss K. Ault	4½	26	8	26	X	9	—	26
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	4½	17	20	26	26	26	12	—

GROUP "C"

NAMES	Handicaps	NAMES						
		Mrs. M. H. Vincent	Miss H. D. Parker	Mrs. J. A. McMordie	G. R. Mills	Dr. R. B. N. Smartt	G. A. Black	Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse
Mrs. M. H. Vincent	5	—	X	19	26	18	23	26
Miss H. D. Parker	5	X	—	19	17	2	13	15
Mrs. J. A. McMordie	5	26	23	—	20	7	11	12
G. R. Mills	8	16	26	26	—	10	20	9
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt	8	26	26	26	26	—	24	26
G. A. Black	8	26	26	26	26	26	—	15
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	8½	17	19	26	26	7	26	—

GROUP "D"

NAMES	Handicaps	NAMES					
		Major E. P. Edyvean	Sir Henry C. Prior	Miss J. Cooper	A. V. M. F. H. M. Maynard	Major E. C. Heathcote	G. Scott Page
Major E. P. Edyvean	9	—	8	21	8	10	8
Sir Henry C. Prior	10	26	—	26	26	19	11
Miss J. Cooper	10	26	21	—	26	23	26
A. V. M. F. H. M. Maynard	10	26	24	8	—	2	26
Major E. C. Heathcote	10	26	26	26	26	—	26
G. Scott Page	10	26	26	23	15	19	—

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. "Two Life System." Holder, Mrs. E. Rotherham. Entrance Fee, 13s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. For players with three or more bisques. Law 44 suspended. Holder, Miss I. M. Roe. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players with six and a half or more bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- No players may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS. Unrestricted. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. Holders, Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.

Two prizes at least will be given in each event. There will be ten Club lawns. Play will begin each day at 10 a.m. Competitors must wear flat-soled footwear. Light Luncheons and Teas may be obtained on the ground.

Buses run to and from town hourly.

Entries must reach Secretary by **Midday, Wednesday, July 13th.**

Draw for Singles Events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day.

Entries for Doubles close on Tuesday, July 19th.

Cheques for entrance money should be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

Hotels: Ellenborough, Irving, Langton, Lansdown, Eltham Lawn, Lilleybrook, Montpellier, Moorend Park, Plough, Queen's, Regent, Star, Rodney, George.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick

For the seven best available women players in the C.A. invited to compete by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the **Hurlingham Club** (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on **Monday, July 25th**, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A.

Manager.—Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Secretary.—The Secretary of the C.A., The Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3½ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used.

Each competitor meets each of the other competitors twice in each competition.

If a competitor fails through any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the competition has once begun. Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games.

In the event of a tie between three competitors, each of these three will play a single game against each of the other two. If the issue is still undecided, the three games will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system, and single games will be played in each round.

All competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PLAY

Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Monday and at 10.0 a.m. on other days, unless otherwise notified.

HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the

"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.)

will be held from

Monday, August 1st to Tuesday, August 9th, 1960

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Secretary.—Lieut.-Col. R. F. J. Hayward, V.C., M.C.

EVENTS

- 1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, J. W. Solomon. Level Singles. Best of three games throughout. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, G. Williams. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 1 bisque or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Henry Franc. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.
- 4.—THE YOUNGER CUP. Holder, D. W. Curtis. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 4½ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. Law 44 suspended.
- 5.—THE LONGWORTH CUP. Holder, Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 8 bisques and over not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. All games to start at the third hoop. Law 44 suspended.
- 6.—THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES). Holder, Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith. This Event will be run on the "X.Y." principle. Entrance Fee, 10s. "Y" games to start at the third hoop.
- 7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.
- 8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. Holders, J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington.
- Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 3½ in. Hoops and Standard Setting.

PRIZES

The winners of Trophies will be entitled to hold them for one year. Other prizes in accordance with the entries.

ENTRIES AND DRAW

All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on **Wednesday, 27th July**. Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on **Tuesday, 2nd August**. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 will take place at the Club on Wednesday, 27th July, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

GENERAL

The Committee reserves the right of altering the conditions and refusing entries without assigning a reason.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily (except Mondays, 10.30) and continue till 7.30 p.m. if necessary.

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.

At least six Lawns will be provided.

Luncheons, Teas and Dinners can be obtained at the Club. There will also be a Snack Bar.

CROQUET DINNER

There will be a Dinner for Croquet Players and their friends at the Hurlingham Club on Thursday, 4th August. Tickets, price 17s. 6d., can be obtained from the Secretary of the Hurlingham Club. Dress: Dinner Jacket.

DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

- A.E.R.E. Croquet Club—Secretary, Mr. D. Pepper, Chem.Eng.Div., Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Didcot, Berks.
- All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Church Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.
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- Budleigh Salterton—Hon. Secretary, L. G. Walters, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
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- Colchester—Hon. Secretary, E. P. Duffield, Acland Lodge, Acland Avenue, Colchester.
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- Crouch Hill Recreation Club (85a Crouch Hill, N.4)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Simmonds, 7 Crouch Hall Road, Crouch End, N.8.
- Dulwich Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Lydall, 17 Woodbourne Avenue, Streatham.
- East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (Parkstone)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. A. McMordie, East Dorset L.T. & Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Dorset.
- Edinburgh Croquet Club (Lauriston Castle)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. V. Hall, Rock House, Calton Hill, Edinburgh 7.
- Exmouth Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. C. S. Lazenby, The Club House, Cranford, Exmouth.
- Folkestone L.T. and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. T. D. Key, The Prince's Hotel, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.
- Glasgow Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. MacA. Brown, 15 Clincarthill Road, Rutherglen, Glasgow.
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- Norwich—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Edmund Reeve, Flat 2, Sandringham Court, Ipswich Road, Norwich.
- Nottingham Croquet Club—Tournament Secretary, G. N. Bright, 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.
- Oxford University Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section), Mrs. S. H. Harvey, 13 St. Margaret's Road, Oxford.
- Parsons Green Sports and Social Club—Hon. Secretary, Croquet Section, Broomhouse Lane, London, S.W.6.
- Peterhouse Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Brian Astle, Peterhouse, Cambridge.
- Reigate Priory Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, L. W. Buckley, St. Monica, Alma Road, Reigate.
- Roehampton—The Secretary, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
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- Shepton Mallet—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Blandford, Field View, Shepton Mallet.
- Sidmouth Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, c.o. Cricket Pavilion, Sidmouth.
- Southport—Hon. Secretary, Rev. F. I. Denbow, East View, Liverpool Road, Rufford, Ormskirk.
- Southsea—Hon. Secretary, Miss E. M. Watson, 51 Salisbury Road, Southsea.
- St. Ives L.T. Club and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, H. L. Branson, Ocean Breezes, St. Ives, Cornwall.
- Sussex County (Brighton) Croquet Club—Hon. Croquet Secretary, Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3, Sussex.
- Upton—Hon. Secretary, E. Brighouse, 27 Heath Road, Upton, Wirral.
- Warwickshire Croquet Club (Leamington)—Hon. Secretary, The Warwickshire Croquet Club, Guy's Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.
- Woking Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Major J. W. Cobb, Farm Hotel, Woking.